

# Holiday Favorites From Our Farm-Fresh Produce Department

<b>California Navel Oranges</b> <b>5\$1</b> For	<b>Florida Red Grapefruit</b> <b>\$1.99</b> 5 Lb. Bag	<b>Medium Yellow Onions</b> <b>99¢</b> 3 Lb. Bag	<b>Crisp Green Cabbage</b> <b>29¢</b> lb.
<b>Juicy Sunkist Lemons</b> <b>8\$1</b> For	<b>Your Choice Green or Red Leaf Lettuce</b> <b>89¢</b> Each	<b>Assorted Flavors Little Hugs Fruit Drinks</b> <b>12\$1.99</b> For	<b>A Juicy Holiday Treat Florida Tangelos</b> <b>\$1.79</b> 4 Lb. Bag
<b>Crunchy Red Delicious Apples</b> <b>\$3.99</b> 10 Lb. Bag			

## Dairy Delights Frozen Specials

<b>8 Count Can Butter or Buttermilk</b> <b>Hyde Park Jumbo Biscuits</b> <b>88¢</b> 16 Oz. Can	<b>Kraft Parkay Light Spread</b> <b>\$1.49</b> 48 Oz. Tub	<b>Regular, Extra Creamy or Lite Cool Whip Topping</b> <b>99¢</b> 8 Oz. Bowl	<b>Stack Up Now For Your Holiday Feast Mrs. Smith's Pie Shells</b> <b>99¢</b> 10 Oz. Pkg.
<b>Hyde Park Cream Cheese</b> <b>2\$1</b> For	<b>Hyde Park - Pre-Priced \$1.09 Cinnamon or Crescent Rolls</b> <b>99¢</b> 8 Count, 9.5 Oz. Cans	<b>Hyde Park - Shredded Cheese</b> <b>\$1.29</b> 8 Oz. Package	<b>Hyde Park Orange Juice</b> <b>79¢</b> 12 Oz. Can
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<b>Mountain Farms Cinnamon Rolls</b> <b>89¢</b> 6 Count Package	<b>Our Special Touch Variety Cake Donuts</b> <b>\$1.69</b> 12 Count Package	<b>Our Special Touch Fresh Dinner Rolls</b> <b>\$1.39</b> 12 Count Package
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## Coffee County Commission recognizes Marion Sanders

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

An unusually short meeting was held Monday by the Coffee County Commission. It could have been that it was the commission's Christmas gift to members of the media who cover the meetings throughout the year.

The meeting consisted mostly of routine business matters. With the exception of one item, Marion J. Sanders was recognized by the commission for his work in the area of soil and water conservation.

Sanders has served as the district supervisor for the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District since May 1989.

He has worked as a supervisor to set an example on his farm by implementing fresh innovative conservation practices.

In addition to his fundamental belief in conservation on the land, his leadership away from the farm has benefited natural resources.

Sanders has served as a member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee for 12 years. Of those 12 years, he was chairman of the committee for 3 years.

He has also served as chairman of the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, chairman of the Wiregrass R.C. & D. Council, president of the State Association of Conservation Districts, and Alabama NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) National Councilman for seven years.

Sanders was instrumental in getting legislation passed which implemented a cost share program for conservation projects. He also worked for and was successful in obtaining a \$700 annual grant for each district in the state. That amount has grown to \$7,000 since its implementation in 1973.

In recognizing Sanders and presenting him with a framed resolution, the commission noted that Sanders was a conservation leader who has had a great impact upon the state and nation. Alabama's soil, water and related resources have benefited from his work.

During the general business session, Wilson Mobley presented a request from the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association to okay sending out bid invitations to: (1) have the carpet in the Farm Center Arena professionally cleaned; (2) purchase wall panels for the outdoor building adjacent to the arena; and (3) construct a building in which to store the panels.

The funds for these projects will come from a grant obtained from the state by the Cattlemen's Association. County Engineer Mark Pool suggested that the commission review the county's subdivision regulation and revised it in such a manner to allow a private individual to construct a private driveway to a "private subdivision."

Under existing regulations, simply put, anyone selling two or more lots constitutes a subdivision which must meet the conditions set forth in the regulations.

Pool recommended that the regulations be amended to allow the construction of a private driveway provided that it is designated as such by a sign and noted on the owner's plat. A footage requirement on the right-of-way would be included in the amendment.

The commissioners elected to study the proposal more before taking any action.

Pool asked the county attorney, Kenneth Fuller, about the voting district map which he had agreed to obtain from the federal court several months ago.

Fuller stated that he had not gotten the maps, but promised to have them by the first of the year.

Pool will take the maps once they have been obtained and have a Coffee County map printed showing the seven voting districts.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks once again brought up the "farmers' produce issue."

He told commissioners that after discussing the issue with Commissioner Robert Stephens, he had another proposal to be considered by the commission.

Brooks proposed that a farmers' market be established for Coffee County farmers. The market would be located at the Farm Center in New Brockton and would be in operation during the growing season each year.

It was noted that the County Extension Service would have to be enlisted to assist in the establishment of the farmers' market.

The commission appointed Brooks, Stephens, and Commissioner Bill Faulk to study the proposal and at a later date, present a plan to establish a farmers' market. It was agreed that the market would be strictly for farmers within Coffee County.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

Accepted the bid of \$259,965.00 from Thompson Tractor Company of Dothan on a track type tractor (bulldozer) to be used at the land mobile payment on the tractor will be \$5,059.11.

Beard Equipment Company of Mobile was the lone bidder on a tree chopper. Their bid was \$22,950.00 (This bid was \$3,000 less than the amount budgeted).

Approved to have the next regular commission meeting on Monday, January 9, 1995.

Gave approval for county employees to set up a comp and/or sick time poolbank from which time can be donated to other employees who experience a catastrophic illness and do not have sick time or vacation to cover their extended absence from work.

Approved the closing of Co. Rd. 402. The proper paperwork has been completed by the only individual land owner along the road.

Approved to send out bid invitations on herbicides (oust and arsenal) to be used by the highway department.

Approved the acceptance of Cotter Enterprises Townhouse Subdivision. It has met all of the regulation requirements.

Approved sending out bid requests on a front-end loader for the highway department (a budgeted piece of equipment).



PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION...made to Marion Sanders. Pictured above (l-r) are: Gilmer Grant, member of the Coffee County Soil Conservation District Board; Sanders, honoree; Robert "Rob" English, member of the Coffee County Soil Conservation District; and Lawrence Creel, chairman of the Coffee County Commission.

## Clark resigns as EHS principal

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

Elba High School Principal Charles Clark has resigned his position for health reasons, effective January 1st.

In a letter read to the school board Thursday night, Clark requested the medical retirement but promised he would always be available to help the Elba schools wherever possible.

The retirement was accepted unanimously (but reluctantly) by the board. Board member Daniel Stephens expressed the sentiments of other board members when he said, "Only because it is in his best interest will I second this motion."

They instructed Superintendent Charles Pearce to write a letter on behalf of the board thanking Clark for his service to the Elba schools. Pearce added, "He deserves a 'Thank You' and I assure you he will get one from me."

Pearce explained to the board members that for the balance of the school year, he would be filling in at the high school with Assistant Principal David Stokes.

The superintendent explained that Stokes was qualified and doing a good job as was the entire staff at the central office. "This combination is what will allow me to fill this dual capacity," he added.

A letter from the Alabama Department of Education acknowledgment receipt of the annual audit of the local schools. It read in part:

Please See EHS, Page 12

## Elba council holds two-in-one meeting

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The Elba City Council held two meetings Monday evening. This was apparently to comply with Alabama law which requires the council to meet twice every month and at the same time free government officials to enjoy Christmas.

They went through the roll call, prayer...the whole bit twice, with only a five minute break between.

The highlight of meeting #1 was a report from Council member Bill Brunson, chairman of the finance committee, that the city's cash flow was improving and he could see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Brunson said the cash flow was improving somewhat, it is still slow and on a week-to-week basis, but getting some better.

Brunson reported the committee was fairly optimistic the city could get through the next few weeks or until property tax, etc. starts coming in during January.

He noted that there was some \$215,000 in short term notes, some annual insurance payments and the workman's comp. payment due in the next several months.

The committee plans to concentrate on retiring those short term notes after the final payment is made in January on the settlements of the wrongful firing lawsuits.

City employees were given a one time pay raise (i.e. Christmas bonus) of \$50 for full time workers and \$25 for part time employees.

Police Chief Jack Parker discussed with the council the problems incurred during power outages such as the two which have happened recently.

The council agreed to a still incomplete plan to move, install and/or upgrade communication equipment to eliminate this bottleneck and potential lack of communication.

Timothy Williams asked for council support of a program he is operating to keep youths out of trouble. It includes basketball and tutoring of younger children.

Williams reported problems with the basketball in the present Mulberry location. He noted the children are being harassed and "picked at."

The council urged Williams to get with Recreation Director Ricky Mullar and work out a place for them to practice basketball. A place for the group to meet and study is also being looked into.

Attorney bills and prosecution responsibility again came under extensive discussion.

The council had a letter from District Attorney Joel Folmar reporting he was forwarding a check for \$609.75 in court costs from Elba cases which he had received during the past 13 months.

This, according to the letter, Please See ONE, Page 12

## Second city council meeting

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The second meeting of Monday evening began with approving monthly bills of \$11,796.53.

This meeting was largely taken up with concerns of the insurance company declining to pay some of the attorney fees incurred in the three wrongful firing lawsuits.

City attorney Mark Vaughan and Council member Bill Brunson reported being told in separate discussions that these costs would be covered. The reasoning was that it would actually save the insurance company money to have a local attorney handling some of the work.

Brunson will write one more letter on behalf of the city in an effort to resolve the matter. It will be signed by the mayor and each member of the council.

Council member Brad Wilson voted no on this motion. He didn't explain his reasons.

Problems with the garbage collection contract continued to plague the city government.

Vaughan reported on a meeting Please See TWO, Page 12

## \* \* HAPPENINGS \* \*

**AFTER HOURS CHRISTMAS PARTY** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold their Business After Hours and Christmas Party Thursday (today), December 15, at the Senior Citizens Center at 5:30 p.m.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING** The City of Elba offices will be closed December 23 and 24, 1994 in observance of the Christmas holidays. For electrical, water and street emergencies, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pick-up schedule for the week of December 19, will be as follows: Monday, December 19th, as usual; Tuesday, December 20th, as usual; Wednesday, December 21st, the Thursday route will run; Thursday, December 22nd, the Friday route will run. No pick-up on Friday, December 23rd. The Town of New Brockton offices will also be closed on Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The University of North Alabama just won the NCAA Division II national football championship for the second time in two years. This is especially important to Elba folks since two former Elba High Tigers are outstanding parts of this #1 team. Former Elba residents Byron and Brunace Parker live in Florence, AL, which also happens to be where the championship game was played each of the past two years. This week the Parkers sent us several stories from the Florence newspaper covering the game last Saturday. Junior Ronald McKinnon, who was again named All-American this year, played an outstanding game, intercepting a critical pass near the end of the game to stop a TD drive, in addition to a bunch of tackles throughout the game. Senior Anthony Brooks was also singled out for outstanding play during this championship game, as well as for his team leadership and support for the coaching staff back when things were not going so well. We are requesting permission to reprint some of these copyrighted reports next week for the benefit of friends and family of both young men.

Earlier this week Mozelle Prescott was showing one of the most special calendar-a grandmother could ever have. Each month, of course, there is a new page and a new picture. Nothing special about that except each one was a different picture of one of her grandchildren! It seems daughter Beth and her husband were visiting this past weekend and left the perfect show-and-tell calendar with granny.

The Christmas Festival was going great last Saturday until the rains hit. It seemed there were more exhibitors and more people milling around than in the past, in spite of the clouds and promise of rain. Then in the early afternoon, the predicted drizzles came and the people went. By 4:00 p.m. the parade had been postponed and the people and the craft sellers were mostly gone. The loyal parade watchers were invited back for a replay of the event on Tuesday night (after this was written). We assume all went well.

Will the Circuit Court or won't the circuit court try the continued criminal cases in the scheduled term of court in January. We hear one message by word of mouth and read another in the court filings. We have not been in the business of deciding these matters and don't about to start now. However, knowing the salaries of all the parties involved and knowing it is all taxpayers' money, we hope any postponement isn't because someone wants to go to a conference (translating to party). A lot of local citizens are complaining about what appears to be an effort to postpone - work - or any kind and are pointing to several highly visible cases as examples of their claims. Further postponements can only add fuel to the fire.

Still nothing has been decided on the outcome of the November 8th general elections. Right now the matter is in the hands of a federal court in Atlanta, GA - we think. Just who won any of the races throughout the state is still not official and therefore none of them can take office. What is really unknown is the outcome of the many constitutional amendments on the ballot. The only thing we really know for sure is that no one has asked this county boy to settle a single one of the many issues being debated.



DONATION MADE...to the Elba Nursing Home. Aabon Home Health Care Supply, Inc. presented a wheel chair to be used by the residents of the Elba Nursing Home. Jessie Watson (standing-left), with Aabon made the presentation. Accepting the chair on behalf of the residents were nurses Ava Jo Moulton (seated) and Diana Robinson (standing-right).

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 6, 1994 through December 12, 1994.

They were: Donnie Bradshaw, R. C. Chen, Jimmy Thigpen, Dorothy Hussey, Louise Rogers, Joe Cook, Myrtle Hudson, Travis Magwood, Kayla Parks, Wilard Head, Lucille Armstrong, Onetelle Lawrence, Zaidie Boyer, Talitha Gay, Joe Peacock, Harold Kelley, Edd Marshall, Lu-dene Klein, John B. Taylor, John Tyre, Robert Pouncey, Ella Bennett, William Davidson, and James B. Maddox.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Lou Emma Crech, Eunice Boutwell, Bill Morrow, Odell Black, Vassie Ward, Ervin Blackmon, Dorothy Williams, Jack Flowers, Louise Rogers, Wilard Head, Alonga Hall, Nell Clemmons, Kayla Parks, Donnie Bradshaw, Jimmy Thigpen, Dorothy Hussey, Louise Rogers, Donnie Bradshaw, Joe Peacock, Lucille Armstrong, R. C. Chen, Onetelle Lawrence, Edd Marshall, and Myrtle Hudson.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DECEMBER 6 THRU DECEMBER 12, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 6, 1994, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, three thefts, three harassing communications, five assaults, one damage to city property, and three harassments.

The following arrests were made: three for assault and one for criminal trespassing.

The following traffic citations were issued: one for running a red light, one for improper turn, eight for speeding, two for an expired tag, one for driver's license required, and five for illegally parking in a handicap zone.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6** - River stage 7.00 feet (6:46 a.m.); Disturbance at Mr. Henry's (5:03 p.m.); Wreck on U.S. Hwy. 84W (5:43 p.m.); Wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (6:38 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7** - River stage 7.50 feet (6:44 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell; Trailer Court on Caroline St. (4:25 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8** - Alarm at Weeks' Tire Co. (12:01 a.m.); River stage 6.90 feet (7:05 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84W and AL Hwy. 203 (by-pass) (8:24 a.m.); Disturbance on Hickman Ave. (7:24 p.m.).

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## Special term of criminal court in question

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**BE CAREFUL**

**20 YEARS OF SERVICE...**The Coffee County Sheriff's Reserve Department recognized two of its charter members for their dedication and recognition for his service to the reserves and the people of Coffee County in the field of law enforcement is Bobby Boutwell (left). Making the presentation was Tommy Danley, captain of the unit. Boutwell has been a member of the unit for more than 20 years. Also recognized was H.W. Dement who was instrumental in forming the reserve unit to serve as a back-up to sworn deputies. Dement was unable to be present for the presentation.

**Editor's Note:** Management at the video store in question explain their policy on new customers as this: "We have a valid Alabama driver's license with a local address OR there is a three day waiting period while they verify address, phone number and employment. This evolved from the high cost of the number of people who rent movies, don't return them and no individual can be found by the name used at the address given."

**Dear Editor,**

Something exciting is taking place in Enterprise! I don't want anyone to miss out on such an exhilarating endeavor. The entire Wiregrass will profit from the positive overflow. Come and bask in the splendor of our cultural explosion as we celebrate Kwanzaa!

This is a time of rejoicing, reflection, and commitment shared by family and community. Kwanzaa is a unique American holiday that pays tribute to the rich cultural roots of Americans of African ancestry. Kwanzaa means "the first" or "the first fruits of the harvest" in the East African language of Kiswahili. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26th through January 1st. Join us

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## We Get Letters To The Editor...

To the Editor:

My family chose to make Elba our home six months ago, for many reasons: 1) young fine schools (that our youngest will attend next September); 2) my husband's drive to and from work (70 miles a day); 3) and not having to enter a store stocked with alcoholic beverages is a few.

We've met many friendly people and we love our church family. Our shopping is done in Elba. We've been proud to have this move, until Friday night.

Two of our grandsons were visiting us, we decided to try to rent video movies "again" (I had attempted in July. Because I didn't work, I was turned down). Friday night my husband and I visited the local video store. We have a driver's license, Social Security number, home phone, my husband works in Elba. Again, that wasn't enough information.

In Thursday's paper is a large advertisement for "STOP! SHOP ELBA!!" How is one to do this and at the same time "Let people see that Jesus lives in us." If we have no choice, but to drive to another county, another town - Opp, AL - to rent a movie. We may as well go early enough to buy our week's groceries, shop for the new living room furniture that I'm getting for Christmas, buy Jessica's Santa, our supply of nails, screws, bolts and nuts, paints, etc.

All we lose is 40 minutes driving time to another town, to buy what we need. Elba, you lose the business money that we spend elsewhere. Although, I fail to recognize, Elba, you may not need any more customers in your stores, spending any amount of money. If that's the case, why not put up a sign, "No New Customers, Please!" Am I wrong in assuming that the town loses, not the customer? Each day a principle should be recited when the candle is lit. The importance that each principle has for the person reciting it should be expounded upon.

Kiswahili was chosen because it is a non-tribal African language that encompasses a large portion of the African continent. An added benefit is that Kiswahili pronunciation is extremely easy. Vowels are pronounced like those in Spanish and the consonants with few exceptions like those of English.

This article can reveal to the community a brief description of Kwanzaa. The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa may serve as guides for daily living. They are instructive and inspirational as representing and reinforcing desirable principles, concepts, and practices.

1. Umoja (Unity) To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

2. Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves instead of being defined, named, created for and spoken for by others.

3. Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) To build and maintain our community together and make our sister's and brother's problems our problems and to solve them together.

4. Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

5. Nia (Purpose) To make our collective destiny the building and developing our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

6. Kuumba (Creativity) To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it.

7. Imani (Faith) To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle. (McClester, Kwanzaa 1990).

On behalf of Reverend and Mrs. C.A. Guice, Jr., the Kwanzaa Coordinators and Committee members, Mrs. Ida Carille; Mr. Lawrence DeRamus; Mrs. Carolyn Guice; Mrs. Marcelle Moncrief; Mrs. Emma Bailey; Ms. LaShaun Scotters; Ms. Marge Simmons; Mr. Fred Durdin; the officers and members of Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, I extend this invitation to the entire Wiregrass.

We will greet you adorned in traditional African attire in the fellowship hall of Johns Chapel AME Church on December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Jennie Fleming-Durbin  
Kwanzaa Consultant

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## Social News

## Jowers-Cauley Wedding held July 2nd



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Norman Anthony Jowers

On July 2, 1994 at five o'clock in the afternoon, Sonya La Brea Cauley and Norman Anthony Jowers were united in holy matrimony at Westview Assembly of God in Opp, Alabama. Reverend Joseph Waldorf performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cauley of the Friendship Community. She is the granddaughter of Miss Cressie Harrison and the late M.M. Harrison of Elba and Mrs. Edward Cauley of the Friendship Community.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Jowers of Opp. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jowers and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow.

The couple chose a selection of wedding songs to be played as guests arrived.

Miss Erin Prigden and Miss Stacy Carmley registered guests as they entered the sanctuary. The registry table was draped with a white ruffled cloth and a white lace overlay. Two candles, a fuchsia plume and the registry book completed the ensemble. Beautiful ferns were placed around the entrance.

The sanctuary was filled with fresh floral arrangements of white, teal, and fuchsia assorted flowers. Two white single heart candelabras with teal candles and floral arrangements stood behind the podium. Various types of greenery filled in behind the candelabras.

The prayer bench was placed at the back of the podium. Teal and fuchsia bows were on each side of the bench. Floral arrangements were placed on the piano and organ on either side of the podium.

Fresh floral arrangements on white ceramic pedestals stood on each side of the podium. The first two pews were adorned with fresh arrangements of flowers. The side aisles held pairs of little bunnies and groomsmen. The girls were dressed in miniature bridesmaid dresses to match the bridesmaids.

The boys were dressed in black and white tuxedos with fuchsia bow ties and cummerbunds. The bridesmaids were dressed in black and white tuxedos with fuchsia bow ties and cummerbunds. The groomsmen were dressed in black and white tuxedos with fuchsia bow ties and cummerbunds.

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Scotty Armstead, and Timothy Edwards Cauley. They wore black tuxedos enhanced by fuchsia bow ties and cummerbunds. Boutonnieres of teal-tipped rosebuds and fuchsia accents completed their array.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with long tails. A white vest and shirt completed the ensemble. His boutonniere was of a teal-tipped gardenia and a fuchsia-tipped rosebud. The bride wore a formal gown of white tulle with a modified sweetheart neckline and a fitted, beaded bodice. Embroidered alençon lace appliques adorned with hundreds of tiny pearls and iridescent crystals trimmed the bodice both front and back. Juliet puffed sleeves tapered to fitted points over the hands and were accented with satin bows centered with dangling pearls.

The full satin skirt featured a large medallion of beaded lace. Matching lace edged the hemline of the cathedral-length train. Large cut-out, beaded with iridescent and miniature pearls adorned the train. A large signature bow adorned the back of the train. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white gardenias, fuchsia-tipped rosebuds, and white lilies of the valley enhanced by ivory and tiny sprays of teal beads. White lace was intertwined throughout the bouquet. Iridescent beads and white lace swayed from the bouquet.

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The Houtt Family

Houtt Family appointed to Southern Bapt. Foreign Mission Bd. of Volunteers

The Keith Houtt family of Auburn has recently been appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board as volunteers with the International Services Corps. The ISC sends volunteers for a short term to work with career missionaries in established mission fields. Several of the folks walked to various places and others played dominoes and just visited. Many have made plans for the holidays and so have we, at our center. A delicious lunch was served to the following: Bonnie Wesley, Frank Goodson, Rushia Blanton, Tony Al-Goodson, Iris McDowell, Alene English, Ervin Blackman, M. Boling, and Wanda Sasser.

For the past six years the Houtts have been living in Auburn where Keith serves on the staff of Lakeview Baptist Church.

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New Arrival  
Round & About  
With Eria  
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Selected scripture: Psalm 118:1-9.

Thinking of you, praying for you. The Flowers family, Rec Nita Brooks, the Caldwell family, Mrs. Georgia Germany, Mrs. Bessie Stoudgumrie, Mrs. Freddie Brooks.

Kwanzaa Celebration  
Kwanzaa is a unique American holiday that pays tribute to the rich cultural roots of Americans of African ancestry. Kwanzaa means "the first" or "the first fruits of the harvest" in the East African language of Kiswahili. Kwanzaa is observed from December 26th through January 1st.

The Kwanzaa Karamu (feast) will be held at Johns Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on December 31, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in Enterprise, AL.

Mrs. Jennie Fleming-Durkin is Kwanzaa consultant and King of Kwanzaa is Justin Sanders and Queen of Kwanzaa is Nia D. Diggs.

Pre-Christmas Concert  
A Pre-Christmas Concert of the Community Wide Mass Choir will be held at the Southeast District Singing Building, Elba, Rev. J. Lawrence, pastor, December 11, 1994.

A large crowd was in attendance and both phases were enjoyed by all present. The singing was spiritual and inspirational.

President Joyce Coleman; Secretary Amy Jones, Director Patti Porter, and Pianist Roderick Riddick.

"Always know there is unlimited power in a developed mind and a disciplined spirit. If your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it, you can achieve it."

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson  
Surprise Birthday Dinner  
Anthony (Tony) Kelley of Elba was surprised with a birthday dinner on Sunday, December 11, 1994 at New Brockton High School, a member of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL. He is a 1984 graduate of New Brockton High School, a member of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL. He is one of the church's kinsmen during the year. He is employed at Conagra. God and his family mean much to him. He is the son of Glen and Ernestine Kelley, the late Buford Kelley and Grover and Eria Belcher, all of Elba, AL.

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Foundation News

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## SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above (l to r) are Conalisa Caldwell, Missy McDaniel, and Charlie Driggers.

**by Missy McDaniel & Charlie Driggers**  
 Charlie is the 17 year old son of Mickey and Donna Driggers. Charlie has attended Elba High School since the seventh grade and is currently a member of VICA, Elba staff, and is the publisher of the Tiger Times newspaper. Charlie is employed at Dorsey Trailers and enjoys hunting and fishing during his spare time. After graduation, Charlie plans to attend Auburn University in pursuit of a forestry degree.  
 Missy McDaniel is the 17 year old daughter of Dennis and Beverly McDaniel. She is a member of Westside Baptist Church and youth choir, yearbook staff, Senior Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, VICA, Future Homemakers of America, Interact, and currently serves as historian of Mu Alpha Theta. In her spare time she enjoys shopping, dancing, and swimming. After graduation, Missy plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in physical therapy. In the fall, Conalisa Caldwell is the 17 year old daughter of Carolyn Caldwell and Will Coleman. She attends the Harris Temple Church of Christ and is involved in many other organizations such as Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, F Club, and Mu Alpha Theta. In her spare time, Conalisa enjoys volleyball, basketball, and softball. After graduation from high school, Conalisa plans to attend Alabama State University and major in engineering.

## Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Elena Strong  
Co-Editor:  
Patrick Scarborough

TIGER TALK...  
by Jonathan Ross

For years now, the Girl Scout Troop #300 has served the Elba community and helped those in need. This past weekend, they, along with their sponsor, Mrs. JoAnn Cannon, once again donated their time to adults and planning games and crafts for the children who attended the 1994 Elba Christmas Festival. This group of young ladies from grades 9-12 have become a great asset to our community. To recognize their efforts and achievements, I talked with Girl Scout President Cary Clark for more insight into their program.

**Tiger Talk:** "The Christmas Festival activities are certainly great contributions to the children of the community. Why are the Girl Scouts so involved in the community?"

**Cary:** "We feel that it is our responsibility to give back a little to a community that has given so many opportunities to us."

**Tiger Talk:** "What does Girl Scouts mean to you personally?"

**Cary:** "I've enjoyed spending time with and getting to know girls in different grades. It has also given me an opportunity to be a part of the community."

**Tiger Talk:** "What projects do the Girl Scouts have planned for the future?"

**Cary:** "We are having an Easter Egg Hunt for the foster children of Coffee County, volunteer face painting and thumb print art at the Piney Woods Arts Festival, sending peace packs containing toys, school supplies, and clothes to children in war torn countries, and our annual cookie sales."

**by Heather DuBose**  
 The Elba High School Student Council recently celebrated American Education Week. On November 18, 1994, the Council provided refreshments for the faculty. That day during both the Junior High and Senior High breaks, the Student Council Officers were in the faculty lounge serving cake, chips, coffee, and Coke. The faculty really appreciated the thoughtfulness of the Council.

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l to r) are Bonnie Vaughan, Britany McCall, Rory Vignola, and Rudy Free.

**by Mary Stephens & Ramon Bryan**  
 Rory Vignola is the seventh grade son of Ted and Jeanne Vignola. He is a member of SADD and enjoys building things in his spare time. Rory attends Elba United Methodist Church.  
 Bonnie Vaughan is the ninth grade daughter of Mark and Candace Vaughan. She is a member of FHA, FBLA, Sr. Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, and Girl Scout Troop #300. Britany McCall is also a member of the EHS Dance Line. She enjoys swimming and dancing. Britany attends Westside Baptist Church.  
 Rudy Free is the eleventh grade son of Rudolph and Hilda Free. He enjoys playing basketball and football. Rudy plays tight end and line backer on the Varsity Tiger football team. He attends church at Basin Baptist.

## Journalism Staff Poll

**by Shea Ward & Mary Stephens**  
 Members of the journalism staff recently agreed to participate in a Christmas poll. These 14 seniors were asked to answer the question, "What is your favorite part of Christmas?"

**Corrie Bradley:** "Christmas Eve at my Grandmother's."  
**Shea Ward:** "The lighted candles lining the street of our neighborhood, presents, and two weeks out of school!"

**Elena Strong:** "Giving gifts to my family and friends, opening presents, and spending time with my whole family."  
**Cary Clark:** "The pretty decorations, visiting with my family, two weeks out of school, and presents, presents, presents!"

**Jonathan Ross:** "Christmas Eve at Moe-Maw's, Christmas Day at Grand and Grandmaw's, two weeks out of school, and all the presents!"

**Dawn Grimes:** "Decorating our Christmas tree and watching all the Christmas specials on TV, especially 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.'"

Whatever...  
by Whomever

\*Christmas Holidays are December 19 through January 2.  
 \*The Miss & Jr. Miss Elbala pageants will be January 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.  
 \*Semester exams are January 9-13.  
 \*The Elba High School Varsity Basketball Team will play Ozark here on December 16. They will travel to New Brockton on January 3 and to Kinston on January 6. All games begin at 6:00.

## Madrigals Perform

**by Carrie Bradley**  
 On Wednesday, November 30, the Troy State University Madrigals performed for the Elba High School student body.

The Madrigals are a select few of the TSU Collegiate singers. They travel around to several locations performing for all ages. Among the Madrigals was Elba's own Christy Smith Johnson, a former drum major at EHS.

The students at Elba High School would like to thank the Madrigals for performing for them. Everyone enjoyed the show.

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## Beta Club Christmas Party

**by Britley Black**  
 The Zion Chapel Chapter of Beta Club recently held their Christmas party. The party was held at Mrs. Sony Shaw's, sponsor of the Beta Club, home. During the month of November the club members drew names to see who to buy a gift for. At the party the members finally got to find out who had their name and open their gifts.

Mrs. Shaw served grilled hamburgers, nachos, chips, cake, candy, cokes, and hot Christmas punch. Everyone had a great time as they started celebrating the holiday season.

At the banquet, each person was served baked chicken, baked potato, green beans, green salad, and chocolate cake. After eating, awards were announced. Each student was recognized by standing for the "Outstanding Youth" award. After the awards, the Enterprise Encores provided entertainment. They did a dance routine to 50's music. During intermission, each "Outstanding Youth" was presented with a plaque and pictures were taken. Clyde Foley Cummings provided the entertainment for the rest of the banquet.

The students were chosen by Ms. Joan Hobbs, Home Economics teacher, and Mr. John McCrory, Agribusiness teacher.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Grady Williams, Tazzie Messer, and Joey Herbert

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## ENTERTAINMENT

**by Amber Wilson**  
 The Entertainers and Singers sang for the elementary and high schools students. The Entertainers performed the selections that they performed at the Peanut Festival. At the Peanut Festival!

## BIRTHDAY PARTY

**by Emily Hughes**  
 On Tuesday, November 22, the annual surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. Rachel Bryan. Mrs. Bryan is the Business Education teacher at Zion Chapel and the yearbook and newspaper class sponsored the party which was held in the computer lab. The class presented

## POTATO BABIES

**by Amanda Lewis & Sabrina Stokes**  
 On November 17, 1994 the students of the Parenting Class announced the birth of their potato babies. Mrs. Joan Hobbs is the sponsor of the project. Each student had to make a birth announcement. They each made baby books that contained a birth certificate, baby's first word, baby's favorite toy, and favorite food. The students carried their babies in decorated baskets. They kept journals of who babysat for their babies. They kept records of any accidents and any doctor visits. In one case a baby was kidnapped. The baby was returned very soon, and in good condition. This project was carried through the weekend. The project ended on November 22, 1994. At the end of the day, each student took their babies to Mrs. Hobbs for a grade. This project was to learn responsibility. It helped the students to realize that the responsibility of having a baby is far to great for them to handle.

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## Coffee County School System Advisory Council Meets

by Angela Johnson

The Coffee County Business Education Advisory Council met on November 15, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the Home Economics Department at Zion Chapel High School. The meeting was a special Thanksgiving meeting held in conjunction with the Zion Chapel Home Economics Advisory Council and the Zion Chapel Agribusiness Advisory Council.

Members of the Business Education Advisory Council present were Mrs. Horrieta Grimes, Mrs. Paula Black, Mr. Charles Ellis, and Mrs. Golda Donaldson. Also present were Carin Hughes and Ellen McLean, Coffee County Area Vocational Center and Rachel Bryan, Zion Chapel High School. Joy Davis, BE teacher at Kinston High School, was unable to attend.

Members of the Home Economics Advisory Council present were Mrs. Brenda Johnson, Mr. Jeff Kelley, Mrs. Gabe Jackson, and Mrs. Joan Hobbs. Members that were unable to attend were Mrs. Sheila Nelson and Mr. Bill Daugherty.

Members of the Agribusiness Advisory Council present were Mr. Tom Caudley, Mrs. June Clark, Mr. Dewayne Hodge, Mr. Herald Stewart, and Mr. Phil Rugg.

The joint meeting began with the invocation given by John McCrory. The guests then sat down to enjoy the meal.

After the meal, each vocational instructor at Zion Chapel High School presented a report on the progress of their students and explained what their respective



In the picture above Mrs. Henrietta Grimes (left) and Mrs. Paula Black (extreme right), members of the Coffee County Business Education Advisory Council, present checks to Laura Brown (center left) and Chris Hodge (center right) for the first scholarship to be awarded by the Council. Raising funds for an annual scholarship has been a long-term project for the Council. Mrs. Grimes serves as chairperson of the Council and Mrs. Black serves as treasurer.

After this short meeting, the group broke up for individual council meetings. To attend because of prior commitments.

one of the first two scholarships awarded by the Coffee County Business Education Advisory Council, Laura Brown, the other scholarship winner, was unable to attend because of prior commitments.

## Rebel Basketball

Zion Chapel vs. G.W. Long

The Zion Chapel Rebels started their season with high hopes but were disappointed in a 75-64 loss to G.W. Long. Napoleon Smith put 17 points on the board for the Rebels. Joey Herbert and Cory Flournoy each added 15. Other scorers for the Rebels were Roy Stewart with 9, Shane Bragg with 6, and Elliot Lipton with 2. The Rebels have improved since last year, and with practice, the wins will come.

Zion Chapel vs. Pleasant Home

The Rebels were looking for their first win of the season when the Eagles of Pleasant Home came to town, but were disappointed once again in a close game 54-50. Napoleon Smith led the Rebel offense with 18 points. Cory Flournoy added 17 while Elliot Lipton put 6 on the board. Shane Bragg scored 4 points, Joey Herbert scored 3, and Steve Hodge added 2. Zion Chapel's play has improved dramatically this year. If the Rebels continue to play hard, there will be a return to winning ways at ZC.

Zion Chapel vs. Straughn

The 0-2 Rebels travelled to Straughn for their third game of the season and once again came out on the short end of the stick as they fell 67-55 to the Tigers. Napoleon Smith scored 14 points to lead the Rebels. Joey Herbert added 12 and Roy Stewart had 9. Steve Hodge and Cory Flournoy each added 8, while Elliot Lipton and Waylen Littlefield each added 2 points on the night. The Rebels struggled in the first half and tried to make a comeback in the second half. But the Straughn Tigers proved to be too much and the Rebels fell to 0-3.

Zion Chapel vs. Goshen

For the fourth game of the season, the Zion Chapel Rebels travelled to Goshen to take on the Eagles. Although the Rebels played well the whole game, the still found themselves on the wrong side of a 63-54 final. Napoleon Smith turned 24 points to once again lead all scorers.

by Amy Jackson

"Science is Fun!" was the theme of recent demonstrations in Mrs. Jackie Inright's room. Flowers frozen in nitrogen gas, nails hammered with bananas, fireworks made of chewing gum, Probals made of dishwashing liquid, and the ooblek were demonstrations presented by Mrs. Melanie Sessions from Troy State University Inservice Center. The program title is Science in Motion.

Science in Motion was established as an enhancement program for high school biology, chemistry, and physics teachers in May 1994, by the Alabama Legislature. Two vans, fully equipped at a cost

of \$197 million, were purchased for each of the six inservice sites chosen for participation in the program. Teachers are required to attend five workshops in order to participate in the project.

The goals for Science in Motion are to provide high school students and teachers with access to modern scientific instrumentation through school visitations made with equipped vans, to enrich lab experiences, and to provide critical thinking opportunities. An additional goal is to increase the scientific literacy of all students, especially minorities and women.

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Views From

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It has been a tradition at the Mularz house ever since the girls were old enough to walk that the Christmas tree was surrounded with presents. It made no difference how big or small the presents were, the tree was supposed to be completely surrounded. This year Melissa and Melanie have been worried about the lack of presents under the tree and have checked their list from time to time again when she was going to wrap presents. They finally came to smile Saturday night when a few more presents showed up under the tree, but are still a little worried after pulling the presents out and counting how many they each had. They, too, long as they expect more, we can at least threaten them about misbehaving!

## ELBA TIGERS OPEN SEASON WITH BIG WIN

The Elba Tigers had been all but given up for dead even before the basketball season started due to the loss of last season's leading scorer and rebounder, the loss of two expected returning starters, and a rash of injuries to players during the latter part of football season. Some usually optimistic fans wondered if the Tigers would even win a game. Well, the Tigers answered that question Saturday night when they surprised the Opp Bobcats 51-45 in front of a big crowd at the Elba gym.

Elba's Jack of experience was evident throughout the game as the Tigers had a number of scoring droughts, but the Tigers did knock down six three-pointers and showed that they may very well be a team with solid outside shooting. Chris Tyson and Leray Smedley both have good outside shots and will hit their share of three-pointers, and Cory Howe will be a factor inside when he gets used to not wearing pads. While the offense wasn't really all that sharp, the defense did show up for the full thirty-two minutes and was the key to the win. The Tigers got off Opp all over the court and more than made up for the size disadvantage with quickness, hustle and desire. If the Tigers will get after folks every game on defense like they got after the Bobcats, they could surprise a bunch of folks.

## BRANTLEY, BROCKTON AND ZION ALL GET WINS

The high school basketball season is now in full-swing and locally it was a pretty good week as Brantley, New Brockton and Zion Chapel all put wins on the left side of the ledger. Here's a quick look back....

•**BRANTLEY** (2-0) struggled a little in its opener with Opp, but began to look like the Bulldogs of old with a big win over 2A rival Georgiana. The Bulldogs have more than enough talent to win a bunch of games, as was evident last week as four different players scored in double figures. If Brantley will take each game as it comes, and not let the losses that will come get it down, this could be another exciting year.

•**NEW BROCKTON** (3-2) was in a shooting slump early in the year and only scored 45 points in a win over Pleasant Home, but broke out of the slump in a big way Friday night and pounded Kinston 73-51, in a game that wasn't even as close as the lopsided score might indicate. The Gamecocks buried a basket full of three-pointers and played as hard on defense as any even night out. Brockton could be a team to watch.

•**ZION CHAPEL** (1-5) began to show signs of coming out of their early-season funk in a loss to Goshen, and broke its five-game losing streak Thursday night with a stunning win over Kinston. The Rebels could have hung their heads after an 0-4 start that included a couple of games they could have won; however, the Rebels simply dug deeper and left the bad times behind with the win over the Bulldogs. Maybe Zion Chapel is finally ready to take a big step forward and become the kind of team its fans have been wanting to see.

•**KINSTON** (2-5) had a week it would like to forget as the Bulldogs lost to cross-country rivals Zion Chapel and New Brockton, as well as getting blown out by Paxton. The Bulldogs have yet to get over the loss of three potential starters due to various reasons, and could very well struggle for quite some time. The "Dogs may be down, but they still play as hard as any team around, and if effort and desire can lead to wins, the wins will come.

## CHAMPIONS CROWNED AS FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS

The high school football season closed out its 1994 campaign last week with only one team being able to repeat as state champion. After 15 weeks of action, here is how it ended....

•**CLASS 1A** - Carrollton once again proved that playing a tough regular season schedule pays off as it defeated Addison 21-14 to claim the small school title. Carrollton was an unknown power due to its schedule, but came through with flying colors.

•**CLASS 2A** - Nobody took Clay County seriously even after it allowed only 13 points during the entire regular season. Well, after holding Brantley to three points in week #2 of the playoffs and shutting out Georgiana in week #3, Clay County never cared what anybody thought and last week spanked Gordo 24-0 to win it all. The folks up in Clay County know that this team was for real, and have the trophy to prove it.

•**CLASS 3A** - Laverne failed to score on three drives after moving inside the 10-yardline and could only wonder what might have happened after falling to Colbert County 17-10 in the 3A finals. The Tigers were huge underdogs against the defending state champs, but played their hearts out and let it be known that come 1995 their opponents had better watch out.

•**CLASS 4A** - T.R. Miller closed out another chapter in its rich football history by pounding previously unbeaten Cleburne County 27-6 to take the 4A title. The Tigers weren't the biggest or most talented team in the 4A again that it's not always the biggest or strongest that wins, but the team that wants it the most.

•**CLASS 5A** - Greenville slipped and stumbled a little early on in the playoffs, but took charge early in the finals Friday night and cruised past Shaw 14-6 in the opening round of the 5A playoffs, but moved on and upset round three. An expected semifinal loss to Northview didn't happen in the semifinals, and last week Shades Valley was a huge favorite in the finals. So what? Anniston won again and claimed the 5A title. It's 6A opponents may still be shaking their heads, but the trophy is in Anniston.

## NORTH ALABAMA ADDS TO TROPHY CASE IN DIVISION II

North Alabama made it back to the top of the mountain in Division II football over the weekend, and once again former Elba Tiger standouts Ronald McKinnon and Anthony Brooks played big roles in the Lions' success. McKinnon made 10 tackles and had a key interception in the championship effort. Both players had championship rings with them when they went to Florence and will have two more when they come back to visit.

## COMING DAYS SHOULD BE MOST INTERESTING

With the holidays this year come rumors of coaching changes all across the area, including here in Elba, where veteran Head Coach Mack Wood is expected to announce his retirement shortly after the holidays end. Wood has coached at Elba for 18 years and is the most successful coach ever in the history of Elba Tiger football. If Wood does step down it will be interesting to see if Elba goes coach hunting, stays within the ranks of assistants, or brings back a former coach or player. It could get mighty interesting! Andalusia's R.L. Watson resigned after posting a two-year record of 1-19, and after a six-year record of 9-51, it looks like the Bulldogs are ready to hand the reins over to long time Bulldog assistant Richard Robertson. Robertson has coached the basketball team for years and is respected for having well coached, well disciplined teams; and that is apparently what is wanted in football. If Robertson takes the job, look for other former coaches to join the staff in an attempt to revive the success of years past.

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## Turkey Shoot set Dec. 17 at Lodge

There will be a Turkey Shoot held at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 1994 at the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 located on Airport Road. The cost is \$2.00 per shoot. Turkeys and Boston butts are sponsored by the Past Masters Club.

## Sports

## Tigers surprise 5A Opp Bobcats

## Elba opens season with 51-45 win

The Elba Tigers opened the 1994-95 basketball season with a bang Saturday night as they upset the Opp Bobcats 51-45, in Elba.

The win gave the Tigers a 1-0 record, while Opp slipped to 2-4 with the loss.

The two rivals lit up the scoreboard in the opening minute of play as the Tigers pulled ahead 4-2 with 7:07 left in the stanza on a driving lay-up by Shandez Daniels; however, both teams then went ice-cold from the floor and neither club scored for over five minutes.

Elba did break its scoring drought with 1:49 left in the quarter on a basket by Cory Howe to go ahead 6-2, but the scoring failed to pick up as at the end of the quarter the Tigers owned a 6-3 advantage.

Opp began to find the range early in the second quarter and caught the Tigers at 9-9 with 6:28 left in the quarter, but Elba suddenly got hot from outside the three-point stripe, and back-to-back three-pointers by Leray Smedley and Ozell Daniels gave the Tigers a 19-10 bulge with 2:44 left in the half!

Opp pulled within 19-14 late in the half, but Elba's Chris Tyson nailed a three-pointer with 1:09 left on the clock and enabled the Tigers to carry a 22-14 lead in at the half.

Elba went over three minutes without a bucket to open the third quarter and the Bobcats took advantage of the Tigers' scoring woes to pull within 24-22 with 4:47 left in the stanza.

Cory Howe scored from in close and then hit a free-throw to increase the Elba lead to 27-22 with 4:41 left in the quarter, while Chris Tyson and Leray Smedley later hit three-pointers as the Tigers' took control with a 33-24 lead with 3:26 still left in the third period.

Elba carried a 35-27 lead into the final stanza on a last-second bucket by Ozell Daniels, and the Tigers began to pull away early in the fourth quarter as a three-pointer by Leray Smedley put Elba on top 40-28 with 6:18 left in the game.

Two quick buckets by Alfred Purvis increased the Elba lead to 44-31 with 5:14 left on the clock, and the Tigers remained in command and owned a 51-38 lead with only 2:31 left on a free-throw by Tony Orden.

Opp scored seven points in the final 36 of play to close the gap, but it was way too little, way too late, as Elba claimed the 51-45 win.

Chris Tyson scored 12 points and Cory Howe added 11 to lead Elba, which hit six three-pointers in the win. Kirk Norris led Opp with 13 points and Lorenzo Edwards added 10.



Elba's Shandez Daniels (20) fires in the Tigers' first basket of the season during the Tigers' 51-45 win over Opp Saturday night. The Tigers host 6A Ozark Friday night in Elba.

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Elba (51): Tyson 12, S. Daniels 2, Howe 11, Rowe 2, O. Daniels 7, Smedley 9, Purvis 10, Norris 13, Jones 8, Peacock 8, Black 2, Jackson 4.

## [B GAME]

The Elba B team fell behind early and could never catch up as the Tigers fell to Opp 30-24.

The Tigers failed to score in the opening stanza to fall behind 4-0, but rallied and trailed only 20-18 after three quarters. The Tigers closed to within one-point on several occasions in the final stanza, but could never grab the lead and took the loss.

Wesley Johnson scored 7 points to lead Elba, while R. Stanley led Opp with 9.

Opp (30): Burgess 6, McLelland 6, Farmer 4, Pyron 4, Heard 2, Stanley 9.

Elba (24): Jones 3, Daniels 6, Johnson 7, Tillis 3, Marsh 3, Weston 2.



Elba's Shandez Daniels (20) fires in the Tigers' first basket of the season during the Tigers' 51-45 win over Opp Saturday night. The Tigers host 6A Ozark Friday night in Elba.

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For more information, contact Ricky Mularz at 897-6833 or 897-2333.

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## In "Game of the Week"

## Brockton bounces Bulldogs 73-51

The New Brockton Gamecocks broke out of their early-season shooting slump in a big way Friday night as Chris Flowers drilled five three-pointers to spark the Gamecocks to a surprisingly easy 73-51

win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in Kinston.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 3-2, while Kinston slipped to 2-6 with the loss.

The Gamecocks grabbed an ear-



Kinston's Anthony Jones (45) drives baseline against New Brockton in attempt to score. The Bulldogs fell to 2-5 on the season with the 73-51 loss to the Gamecocks.

## BASKETBALL BRIEFS

## Zion Chapel falls to Goshen 63-54

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled the unbeaten Goshen Eagles until the final horn, but came up short 63-54, last Monday night in Goshen.

Cory Green led Goshen with 16 points.

The Zion Chapel B team got in the win column with an exciting 38-37 win. Andre Flowers scored 15 points to lead the Rebels, while Del Potts scored 10 for the Eagles.

## ZC Lady Rebels edged by Goshen 39-37

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell one basket short last Monday night as they fell to the Goshen Lady Eagles 39-37, in Goshen.

Clairissa Darby scored 14 points to lead Goshen.

## Brantley opens with win over Opp 72-69

The Brantley Bulldogs opened their basketball season on a winning note last Tuesday night when they edged the Opp Bobcats 72-69, in Brantley.

Derrick Crenshaw scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Adrian Person and Lewis Burnett both scored 18. Jay Jackson scored 14 to lead the Bobcats.

## New Brockton slips past Pleasant Home 45-42

The New Brockton Gamecocks evened their record at 2-2 last Tuesday night with a hard fought 45-42 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, in New Brockton.

Andre Medley scored 8 points to lead the Gamecocks in the low scoring contest, while Mitchell Truitt and Cedric Foster both added 7. Chris Flowers made a steal with only :03 left to seal the win. Dave Morris led the Eagles with 8 points.

## Zion Chapel shocks Kinston 51-49

The Zion Chapel Rebels put an end to their five-game losing streak in grand fashion last Tuesday night as they stunned the Kinston Bulldogs 51-49, at Zion Chapel.

Napoleon Smith scored 25 points to spark the Rebels to the big win, while Cory Flowers added 14 and Joey Herbert tossed in 11.

The Kinston IV's came out on top in the preliminary game as the Bulldogs posted a 42-38 win over Zion Chapel. Jay Carmley scored 13 points and Jay Edwards added 11 for the Bulldogs, while Andre Flowers scored 9 points for the Rebels and Toby Bragg added 8.

## ZC Lady Rebels dunk Kinston 33-19

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels got in the win column for the first time this season last Tuesday night with an impressive 33-19 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Kim Moran scored 10 points and Suzie Bryan added 9 to lead the Lady Rebels.

## Brantley runs past Georgiana 76-63

The Brantley Bulldogs improved their record to 2-0 Friday night with a 76-63 win over the Georgiana Panthers, in Georgiana.

Adrian Person scored 21 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jimmy Burnett added 13 and Eric Crenshaw and Austin Caley both scored 10. Anthony Webb scored 18 points to lead the Panthers.

## Kinston pounded by Paxton 81-56

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their record slip to 2-5 Thursday night when they were outscored by Paxton, Florida, 81-56, in Kinston.

Darren Moody scored 27 points and Jeff Dukes added 10 for the Bulldogs, while Lowry led Paxton with 17 points.

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New Brockton's Adam Barr (12) drives past Kinston's Jason Wambles (13) to score in the Gamecocks' big 73-51 win over the Bulldogs. The win improved the Gamecocks' record to 3-2.

NB 22 22 21 8 - 73  
K 16 7 14 14 - 51

N.B. (73): Barr 12, Flowers 23, Truitt 10, Brown 11, Paul 4, Edwards 6, Medley 5, Mognel 2.

K'ton (51): Rhoades 3, Wambles 4, Moody 16, Maloy 18, Chambliss 2, Jones 8.

The New Brockton B team staged a second half rally to edge Kinston 30-26.

Scott Hughes scored 11 points to lead New Brockton, while J. Carmley and A. Osborn both scored 8 points for Kinston.

Chris Flowers hit a three-pointer from deep in the corner with :03 left to give the Gamecocks a 65-37 lead heading into the final stanza!

The Gamecocks' lead grew to 70-37 early in the fourth quarter and it was obvious that New Brockton could name the score against the out-manned Bulldogs; however, the Gamecocks' again emptied their bench and let the reserves mop up the impressive 73-51 win.

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## ONE

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would be all Folmar willing will pay for Elba again, furnishing prosecuting attorneys for city cases in District Court.

The council voted to accept the check but to notify Folmar, in writing, that the council has not necessarily agreed to his proposed arrangement.

## TWO

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he and City Clerk Henry Clark had with ISS representatives in an effort to resolve the matter.

Agreements were reached, according to both Vaughan and Clark. However a letter received this week from ISS tells a different story.

They are requesting \$33,000 in back tipping fees for the dumping of commercial garbage picked up in

Elba. Following a lengthy discussion, Brunson made a motion to start paying the tipping fees as spelled out in the contract, providing ISS comply with other provisions in the contract and deny the \$33,000 in back charges. A letter will be written to several commercial accounts affected by the contract problems. These problems

include cases where ISS was charging for pick up and the city was also. Under the contract, large commercial customers may rent containers from ISS, but the collection fee is collected by Elba.

The council voted to buy three flood control gates at a cost of \$2740. These are needed to replace broken gates.

Haywood reported the Corp of Engineers was responsible for this and will not reimburse the cost if Elba insists the new gates. However the mayor (and council) felt it would be unsafe to wait on the Corp with the spring rainy season just around the corner.

Electric Supervisor Jeff Puckett reported to the council that the major power outage Monday was caused by a contractor doing some work for the state highway department near Beaver Dam Creek on Highway 84. Puckett said he was going to get with engineers and work out a new pole and wiring design to eliminate such long power outages.

The Opp utility department were nice enough to help out. Puckett said, or the Monday outage would have been longer.

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"No discrepancies were noted in the audit report for any of the schools. You, your principals, and your local school accounting personnel are to be commended for this effort."

The state department also accept the annual budget passed by the local board and classified it as "ex-

cellent."

Pearce reported that the sale of the property on the 203 Bypass has been completed and "the money is in the bank."

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